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Sec Kissinger/Ted Koppel
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TK: You looked sensational. Tanned and well rested.

K: Yes. Where was I on TV?

TK: I have got the camera on you right now. We are across the street and zooming in through the window. How was your vacation?

K: Very pleasant. We missed you. We expect you to show up.

TK: Normally I don't let you go without me. Do you remember when we came back from China last year Cy Vance had just been there and you told me of a conversation with the Chinese . . .

K: That was a personal conversation.

TK: I wanted to be clear on what the proposal was for. In effect a no first strike agreement.

K: Something like that.

TK: Yes. Our indications are the Chinese are the only ones who are exceedingly unhappy.

K: I don't think the Israelis are exactly jubilant.

TK: That is possible but they are being more diplomatic about it.

K: Are the Chinese saying bad things?

TK: We have a man in Hong Kong and he is telling us the Chinese are not happy and not making much of a secret about it. It doesn't surprise me, does it you?

K: No.

TK: I think the Chinese view him as being a fuzzy _____.

K: Of the people that were available, he was the best choice.

TK: What is going to happen to Brzezinski. Do you know?

K: I don't know. My instinct tells me he probably will not be NSC advisor having said he will be.

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TK: It will be a struggle, although Vance is low key.

K: All we will need is Schlesinger in the White House and it will be a three course ring.

TK: You put Schlesinger in CIA -- it could happen.

K: It could.

TK: How is your schedule for the next couple of weeks because we wanted to have you and Nancy over some evening.

K: Next week I am going to be away.

TK: Right -- in Europe. Are you going away for Christmas?

K: We have not decided. Why don't we talk over the next weekend.

TK: That will be fine. In fact, I am not sure we would have anybody else over. Just a quiet evening.

K: We would love to do it.

TK: Good. I will give you a call next week then.

K: Good.